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The school was situated in Treuenbrietzen, but in the fall of 1952 it was moved into the Husa [redacted] in Potsdam. [redacted] students from all branches of [redacted] as well as from the [redacted] this course. These were [redacted] lieutenants, first lieutenants, etc.

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2. The course outline contained purely political topics comparable to the topics in the SED party schools, as well as topics about practical Politkultur methods. In treating the topic of the history of the CPSU, special emphasis [redacted] on the problem of military discipline as discussed by [redacted] [redacted] and Budyenni. Special emphasis was given to [redacted]

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4. The men were trained with Yak-18's and Yak-11's. In June 1953, training was started on the MIG-15; however, this training was stopped [redacted] uprising. The training plan of February 1954 provided [redacted] the months of March and April 1954. By the end of 1954, [redacted] MIG-15 [redacted] At the end of 1953, training in [redacted] was [redacted] who formerly were with the German Luftwaffe, maintained that [redacted] is more thorough than formerly. In addition, the safety measures as compared to those of the Luftwaffe are considerably stricter. In 1953, the division had three accidents, one of which was fatal to the pilot.

5. Until 17 June 1953, there were only Russian instructors. The entire radio traffic was conducted in the Russian language. After 17 June, German instructors who had been trained in Russia were employed. Since then, radio traffic has been partly in the German language, while Russians participate only as theoretical instructors or as so-called advisers.

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6. [redacted] were 25 planes available [redacted] in air base. Forty-eight pilots were trained [redacted] each regiment. Four planes [redacted] equal to one Ketten; four Ketten equalled one [redacted] on; three squadrons equalled [redacted] air bases are equipped with radar and radio facilities [redacted] There is one instructor per plane. The Russian instructors of the [redacted] until 17 June 1953 formed a training regiment.
7. The political training for the enlisted men and noncommissioned officers consisted of four hours per week; for officers it was six hours per week. Until 17 June, the flying and ground crews received passes only once a week. After 17 June, they received passes every other day, usually until midnight and, on Saturdays, until 6 a.m. Only two members of the ground crew and several members of the technical supply personnel have defected since that date.
8. The ground crew T/O provided for one chief technician, two technicians, and four mechanics for each plane. There were about 40 men assigned to the hangars at each air base. There was one platoon of Signal Corps troops per air base. In the course of the reorganization of the Air Police, the division staff was dissolved. Since then the regiments have been directly subordinate to HVL and the entire Air Police has been renamed Aeroklub. The expression "regiment" has been replaced by air base [redacted] technical base. The commanding officer of the division was Lt. Col. Wilper [redacted] He is now chief of the base in Bautzen. The Politkultur officers of the Ketten [redacted] squadrons now belong to the air or technical personnel. The Politkultur officers of [redacted] of the former staff are purely political and are completely [redacted] military training.
9. The chief of the Cottbus base [redacted]
10. All personnel of the Air Police must go through basic infantry training. As in the Red Army, the flying personnel receives continuous drilling.

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